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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

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1. CHAPTER 69, GROUP 691 OF THE CUSTOMS CODE, ENTITLED ARMS IN GENERAL, STATES THAT "THE IMPORTATION OF FIRE ARMS, THEIR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES, REQUIRE A SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PERMIT. THIS STATEMENT REFERS TO REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS FOR PERSONAL USE, SHOTGUNS AND RIFLES FOR SPORTING AND HUNTING PURPOSES, AND TO THEIR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES. THE REQUIRED PERMIT IS ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. AMMUNITION FOR THESE ITEMS ALSO REQUIRES A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE SAME MINISTRY. THE PERMIT MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF IMPORTATION.

2. CHAPTER III, ART. 18 OF THE CUSTOMS CODE, ENTITLED PROHIBITED ITEMS, STATES: "THE IMPORTATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IS PROHIBITED: MILITARY RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS, MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND WARSHIPS, AND ANY OTHER ARMAMENT AND SUPPLIES DESTINED TO BE USED FOR THESE SAME ENDS, WHEN THESE ITEMS ARE NOT IMPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA OR FOR IT".

3. FIRE ARMS FOR PERSONAL USE, SUCH AS RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS, AND AMMUNITION ARE SOLD IN NICARAGUA EXCLUSIVELY AT STORES RUN BY THE NATIONAL GUARD. RECORDS AS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PURCHASER'S NAME, ADDRESS, ETC. ARE KEPT BY THESE STORES.

CARRYING PERMITS FOR FIREARMS,; (WSAUED BY THE NATIONAL
&7-4\$, ARE REQUIRED. THE CARRYING PERMITS ARE ISSUED ONLY WHEN
PROOF OF THE PURCHASE FROM ANY OF THE NATIONAL GUARD STORES OR
OF THE LEGAL IMPORTATION CAN BE DEMONSTRATED.
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